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Specialisation

- Education sector assessment
- Education system planning, rationalization and restructuring
- Institutional capacity-building
- Economics of education
- Higher education reforms and development
- Project conceptualization, formulation and design
- Project evaluation and impact study

Personal information

Nationality: British

Education

1985, Fellow, Economic Development Institute, The World Bank, Washington. D.C.

1984, Post-doctoral research, Harvard Institute of International Development, Boston, USA.

1976, PhD (thesis: education and employment: a comparative study), University of Manchester, UK.

1973, Masters (major: education planning and finance), University of Manchester, UK, [Awarded Sir Wither Memorial Fellowship for Academic Distinction]

Other training

1984 project management (ODA)

1992, teacher training upgrade (primary)

1992-93, school management and governance

Languages

| Language | Spoken | Written | Read |
|------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| English | Native | Native | Native |
| Bengali | Good | Good | Good |
| Hindi | Fair | Fair | Fair |
| Urdu | Fair | Fair | Fair |
| Bahasa Indonesia | Fair | Poor | Fair |
| French | Fair | Poor | Fair |

Countries of work experience

United Kingdom, France, Finland, Sudan, Tanzania, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, China and Mongolia

Employment

2004 - date

Independent Consultant

Oct - Dec 2010

Team Leader/Evaluation Specialist responsible for undertaking the final evaluation of EC-funded "Indonesia: Basic Education Sector Support Programme" jointly implemented by ADB and UNICEF.

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| | Oct 2009 – Jan 2011 | Institutional capacity assessment & capacity development specialist on Madrasah School Project preparation team for ADB project. |
| | Mar-April 2009 | Education Policy Adviser/Staff Consultant evaluating ADB-funded 'Maldives: Postsecondary Education Project', using the criteria of relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability; also prepared an economic analysis of the project at completion. |
| | Jul-Dec 2008 | Team Leader of the University of Pittsburg-led ADB international project preparation team, designing a medium-term secondary education sector development programme (2011-2015) in Viet Nam. |
| | April 2006 – March 2008 | Governance Adviser to Second Primary Education Programme (PEDP 2), Bangladesh. DFID-funded post based In the Programme Implementation Unit, with joint responsibility for assistance with a Governance Strategy for the sub-sector, and mitigating governance risks within the programme. |
| | Nov 2005- Nov 2006 | Staff Consultant, education project design, Indonesia (contracted for intermittent services), Asian Development Bank |
| | July-November, 2005 | Consultant, evaluation of UNESCO's support to EFA planning and implementation (2000-2004), Indonesia and Pakistan, July-November, 2005, UNESCO/ Paris contracted by E/C. |
| | March- June, 2005 | Consultant, institutional assessment and capacity development plan for the Ministry of Education, East Timor, funded by the World Bank. |
| 1994 - 2004 | | <i>Asian Development Bank</i> Principal Sector Specialist (Education and Health) Senior Sector Specialist (Education and Health) Senior Education Specialist Project Economist (Education and Health) |
| July 1985-November 1988 | | <i>Ministry of Education, Bangladesh</i> Chief of Education Planning |
| January 1983- June 1985 | | <i>National Academy for Education Management, Bangladesh</i> Director |
| 1978 | | <i>Ministry of Education, Helsinki</i> Visiting lecturer in International Education |
| 1977 | | <i>International Institute for Education Planning, Paris</i> Visiting Fellow |
| 1984-1987 | | <i>Independent Consultant</i> September-October 1987 Consultant, education planning and finance, Tanzania Education Sector |

Assessment, UNESCO/World Bank joint study.

March-May 1987

Consultant, higher education and national development, UNESCO, Bangkok.

May- June1986

Consultant, education management, Sudan Education Sector Assessment, World Bank.

February-April 1984

Consultant, education and employment, UNESCO, Paris.

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